



WORKER PROTECTION FARMS/GREENHOUSES/NURSERIES/FORESTS CORE CHECKLIST FOR ROUTINE INSPECTIONS

REMINDER FOR INSPECTORS: Present Credentials, Issue Notice of Inspection

NAME/ADDRESS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT _____	DATE OF INSPECTION: _____
	SITE: _____ SIZE IN ACRES: _____ FARM NURSERY GREENHOUSE FOREST

*** NOTE: Page numbers in parentheses refer to Worker Protection Field Inspection Pocket Guide.**
Some questions have multiple answers, please check appropriate boxes.

DETERMINATION OF WPS COVERAGE

Name of the agricultural employer/manager/responsible individual(s) interviewed.

Are pesticides with labeling that refers the WPS, used on the establishment for the production of agricultural plants?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Does the establishment hire or contract workers to do tasks related to the commercial production of agricultural plants?

YES ☐ NO ☐

How many workers are employed? Workers _____ Family Members _____

Does the establishment hire or contract pesticide handlers or family members to do tasks related to the commercial production of agricultural plants?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If the answer to either one or more questions is yes, the employer must comply with the Worker Protection Standard. Request to see Pesticide storage area and record pesticides with WPS label on a separate form/sheet.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COVERED EMPLOYERS OF WORKERS AND HANDLERS

(Verify by asking questions or by observations)

1. Where are the EPA WPS safety poster, emergency medical care information (name, address and telephone number of nearest medical facility) and facts about recent pesticide application displayed? Ask to see the location and observe if the information is: **Legible** Yes ☒ No ☒
 Provided at an **accessible central location**? Yes ☒ No ☒
 Up-to date? Yes ☒ No ☒ (p. 43-45)

a. *How are workers/handlers informed about the location of this information?* (p.42)

b. *Is the pesticide safety poster the EPA safety poster?* (p. 43-44) Yes ☒ No ☒

If answer is no, than take a photograph of the poster and later compare it with EPA safety poster for any WPS required information.

2. How are workers **informed about pesticide applications** and restricted-entry intervals? (p.21-24)

Oral warning? ☒ *Posted signs?* ☒ *Both?* ☒

a. If warning signs used, where are the signs posted? *All entrances?* ☒ *Some entrances?* ☒ *None* ☒

b. When are the signs put up? *24 hours before the application?* ☒ *After the application?* ☒
All the time? ☒

c. When are they removed? *Within 3 days after the application?* ☒ *After REI expires?* ☒

d. How are warnings given to workers who are unable to understand English? (p. 24)

3. Who is allowed in the treated area during the pesticide application? What steps are taken to ensure that the treated area is vacated by unprotected persons during the application? (p. 24-25)

4. How do you ensure that all workers and handlers who enter a treated area for which a REI is in effect or had expired within 30 days, received **pesticide safety training**? (p. 38-42)

a. Who provides training?

Certified applicator? ☒ *Trainer of certified applicators?* ☒ *Pesticide handler?* ☒
Employer? ☒ *Others?* ☒ *No training provided?* ☒

b. What materials are used for workers? For handlers?

WPS Training material developed by EPA? ☒ *Equivalent material?* ☒ *Other?* ☒

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5. Is the handler/worker **decontamination site** easily accessible to the workers/handlers? (p. 45-47)
- Is it less than 1/4 mile from where they are working? ☒ More than 1/4 mile? ☒*
- In the area being treated with pesticides? ☒*
- b. Contents of site? (p. 46) *Sufficient water Yes ☒ No ☒ Soap? Yes ☒ No ☒*
- Single use towels? Yes ☒ No ☒ Clean change of clothes (at handler site) Yes ☒ No ☒*
6. What is the procedure in case of worker/handler injury or illness due to agricultural pesticides? (p. 48)
- a. Who provides **transportation to the emergency medical facility** for worker/handler? Who is responsible for providing information about the pesticide product to medical personnel/victim? (p. 48)
7. Have any WPS pesticide product's poisoning incidents occurred on this establishment?
- Yes ☒ No ☒
- If yes, briefly describe the incident.
8. Ask employer to show you **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** that is available for use on site by handlers and early entry workers. (p. 32-37)
- a. Who instructs workers/handlers in the proper use of PPE and ensures that PPE is correctly worn by workers/handlers for its intended use? (p. 32-33)
- b. How is PPE cleaned and dried? Is PPE cleaned according to the manufacturer's instructions?
- c. Who cleans and maintains it? What information is given to the person responsible for cleaning the PPE? Does the employer inform them that:
- PPE may be contaminated with pesticides? ☒ Harmful effects of exposure to pesticides? ☒*
- How to clean PPE correctly? ☒*
- e. Who inspects PPE for leaks, holes and any damage? (p. 33)
- f. How often are respirator filters replaced? (p. 34)
9. Where do workers/handlers place their personal clothing when not in use?
- a. Where do they change into and out of PPE? Are they away from pesticide storage and use areas?

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10. Are workers/handlers restricted from wearing home or taking home PPE? (p. 34)
Yes ☒ No ☒ If yes, explain briefly.
11. What steps are taken to ensure that the mixing, loading, and application equipment is in working order and safe before each use? (p. 37-38)
- a. Who repairs, adjusts, or maintains it? (p. 38)
12. How are early entry workers/handlers **informed about product label requirements** related to human related hazards, first aid and other labeling requirements related to safe use? (p. 31)
13. When does the commercial handler employer provide WPS required information to the site employer about pesticide application? (p. 24)
- a. What information is exchanged? (p. 24-25)

(We recommend that if an application is ongoing during an inspection, use WPS comprehensive checklist.)

REMINDER FOR INSPECTOR: Compliance Assistance may be provided at the end of or during the inspection.

COMMENTS:

Print Name and Title of Enforcement Official:
Enforcement Official Signature: